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Class 530 Subclass 333.00

Prior application:

Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel
Art Unit: 1631

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
(X) continuation application of:
() divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application Serial No. 09/195,869 filed 11/19/98

Title MINIMIZATION OF BLOOMING IN HIGH-DENSITY ARRAYS BY USING REACTIVE WASH
REAGENTS

Name of applicant(s) Michel G.M. Perbost and Roy H. Kanemoto

Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
() Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
() Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

() Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
() The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____
filed _____
() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:
--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation () divisional
of copending application serial number 09/195,869 filed on 11/19/98.

Inventorship Statement

Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____

Registration No. _____

authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record

the Associate Attorney or Agent shall not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

(X) Address all future communications to:

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Other Amendments

(X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

Cancel the following claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

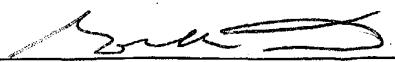
(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for Utility Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	— 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	— 3	0	X \$80	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$270	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$320.00); Utility (\$710.00)				\$ 0
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 0
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 0

Respectfully submitted,
Michel G.M. Perbost et al.

By 
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